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SUBJECT: CILSS COUNSELOR KONATE VISITS ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
EASUM

REF. OUAGADOUGOU 999

1. CILSS COUNSELOR DR. IBRAHIMA KONATE MET WITH ASSISTANT  
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SECRETARY EASUM MAY 28 FOR TOUR D'HORIZON ABOUT RELIEF

COORDINATION EFFORT AND CURRENT CILSS ACTIVITIES. KONATE SAID CILSS ACTIVELY BUILDING ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE WHILE CONTINUING ONGOING COORDINATION EFFORT. ORGANIZATION NOW HAS, OR WILL SHORTLY HAVE, AT LEAST ONE STAFF MEMBER FROM EACH OF SEVEN MEMBER STATES. GOAL IS ALSO TO HAVE A CILSS REPRESENTATIVE IN EACH SAHELIAN CAPITAL.

2. KONATE GAVE RATHER VAGUE EXPLANATION CILSS ROLE REGARDING BILATERAL VS. REGIONAL ASSISTANCE BETWEEN DONOR COUNTRIES AND SAHELIAN STATES. HE SAID REGIONAL DROUGHT PROJECTS SHOULD LOGICALLY REQUIRE COORDINATION BY CILSS HOWEVER, HE MADE NO EFFORT ASSERT CILSS ROLE IN ESSENTIALLY BILATERAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS- STATING THAT CILSS REPRESENTATIVE IN EACH DONOR COUNTRY RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING CILSS INFORMED OF STATUS OF THAT COUNTRY'S PROJECTS ON OUAGADOUGOU LIST.

3. ROLE OF UNDP AND MORSE'S SSO WAS DISCUSSED. KONATE EXPRESSED HOPE SSO WOULD BE LIMITED TO COORDINATING FUNCTION AMONG UN AGENCIES, LEAVING OPERATIONAL AND FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF UN RELIEF EFFORT TO UNDP, WHOSE PROCEDURES WELL ESTABLISHED AND GENERALLY UNDERSTOOD, OR OTHER AGENCIES OF UN FAMILY. KONATE DISCUSSED SSO ROLE WITH MORSE, WHO HAD SAID HE WOULD VISIT OUAGADOUGOU IN MID-JUNE TO DISCUSS ASSIGNMENT OF SSO STAFFER TO OUAGADOUGOU FOR LIAISON WITH CILSS. KONATE UNCERTAIN WHETHER SSO REPRESENTATIVE WOULD BE HOUSED AT UNDP OR AT CILSS. KONATE CLEARLY PREFERS THE LATTER BUT NOT SURE MORSE WILLING HAVE HIS MAN REPORT TO KONATE.

4. KONATE AND UPPER VOLTA AMBASSADOR YAGUIBOU WHO ACCOMPANIED HIM HAD AN EXCHANGE ON WHETHER MORSE WOULD SEEK DEVELOPMENT FUNDS FOR CILSS LIST PROJECTS. KONATE MADE CLEAR HE THOUGHT THIS UNNECESSARY AND PROBABLY UNWORKABLE. YAGUIBOU MORE FAVORABLE SSO FINANCING.

5. KONATE SAID CILSS AND DAKOURE OPPOSE FOOD AIRLIFTS EXCEPT IN MOST EXTREME CIRCUMSTANCES, BECAUSE EFFORT IS SO COSTLY AND TENDS DIVERT FINANCIAL RESOURCES FROM INCREASED REAL ASSISTANCE. HE ACKNOWLEDGED HOWEVER THAT AIRLIFT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MIGHT BE NECESSARY IN MALI, AND PERHAPS CHAD.

6. LEAVING WASHINGTON MAY 28, KONATE WAS PROCEEDING DIRECTLY FROM NEW YORK TO DAKAR FOR FIRST HAND ASSESSMENT OF PORT SITUATION ESPECIALLY ACCUMULATED GRAINS FOR MALI. HE THINKS IN SHORT RUN MAY BE POSSIBLE OBTAIN MORE RAIL EQUIPMENT FOR MOVING GRAIN. IN LONGER RUN HE THOUGHT IT WILL BE BEST TO STRENGTHEN EXISTING FACILITIES -ROAD

BED AND ROLLING STOCK - AND CONSTRUCT ALL WEATHER ROAD  
LINK BETWEEN TAMBACOUNDA AND KAYES. KISSINGER

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